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NAPLES, ITALY, March 17, 1902.

SIR : I have the honor to report that for the week ended March 15, 1902, the following ships were inspected at Naples : March 10, the steamship *Spartan Prince*, of the Prince Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 952 steerage passengers and 88 pieces of large baggage ; 1,600 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. March 11, the Italian bark *Ausilio*, bound with cargo for New York ; steamship *Gallia*, of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,126 steerage passengers and 50 pieces of large baggage ; 1,500 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. March 12, the steamship *Calabria*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,204 steerage passengers and 200 pieces of large baggage ; 1,700 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. Steamship *Sicilia*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,072 steerage passengers and 26 pieces of large baggage ; 1,200 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. March 13, the steamship *Kaiserin Maria Theresia*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 577 steerage passengers and 30 pieces of large baggage ; 1,000 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. March 15, the steamship *Batilla*, of the Celli Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,072 steerage passengers and 50 pieces of large baggage ; 1,600 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Inspection at Palermo.

At Palermo for the week ended March 15, 1902, the following ship was inspected : March 11, the steamship *Spartan Prince*, of the Prince Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 165 steerage passengers ; 250 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Smallpox at Naples.

During the week ended March 15, 1902, there were officially reported at Naples 8 cases of smallpox with 2 deaths.

Plague in Egypt.

Reports from Cairo, dated March 10, 1902, state that during the past week the plague situation in Egypt was as follows : One case and 1 death at Tantah, 1 case at Aboussir, 2 cases and 1 death at Nahthai, and 8 cases and 2 deaths at Kumel Nour. Since the beginning of the epidemic, a year ago, there have been in Egypt 329 cases of plague with 196 deaths.

Respectfully,

J. M. EAGER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, February 26, 1902.

SIR : I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the bills of health issued at this port during the week ended February 22, 1902.

There were inspected 5 ships with 442 crew, 32 cabin passengers and 508 steerage passengers; 443 persons were bathed and their baggage was disinfected.

During the week there occurred in Yokohama 1 case of typhoid fever with 1 death, 5 cases of diphtheria with 1 death, 1 case of scarlet fever, and 1 case of dysentery.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Respectfully,

J. SPENCER HOUGH,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Inspection service at St. John.

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, *March 24, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended March 22, the following vessels and their crews were inspected by me at this port: Steamships, 2; schooners, 2; seamen, 135.

Respectfully,

T. DYSON WALKER,
United States Medical Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Report from Halifax—Status of smallpox.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, *March 22, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended March 22, there have been 8 new cases of smallpox at this port with no deaths. Total number of cases on hand, 13; total number of cases since the outbreak of the disease, 44; total deaths, 6.

It was supposed that the disease was entirely stamped out, but during the past few weeks there has been a fresh outbreak in that portion of the city in which the railroad employees reside. They probably contract the disease at points along the railroad, and in this way reinfect the city.

At Dartmouth, a small village situated across the bay from Halifax, there have been 5 cases. These cases have all occurred in one family. The primary case was traced to a man who worked on board a steamer which had had smallpox on board. The steamer in question had been released from quarantine as disinfected.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Halifax and St. John.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, *March 22, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended March 22 there were inspected 113 immigrants—passed, 108; detained, 5. * * *